

# CAVELAND PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

SPRING 2004

## MEET THE PSN

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**WARREN CO.**

**PAT GILMER 2**  
**SIMPSON CO.**

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**KSD OUTREACH**

**GREG HUDSON 2**  
**EDMONSON CO.**

**CW VANARSDALE 2**  
**GREEN CO.**

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**WARREN CO**

## PSN GOALS

- **Communicating** important information
- **Informing** parents and teachers about special education issues
- **Supporting** parents in working together with districts
- **Identifying** local resources for parents and students

## SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE SPONSORS NEW PARENT GROUP

Many parents in this region are not aware of many forms of support available to them through the Caveland Educational Support Center. This special education cooperative serves 17 school districts in South Central Kentucky. Those districts include: Allen, Barren, Bowling Green, Butler, Caverna, Cumberland, Edmonson, Glasgow, Green, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russellville, Simpson, Todd, and Warren.

The mission of the cooperative is to support its member districts in the provision of services to students with disabilities. There are a number of ways Caveland does this and several are available to parents as well.

Caveland provides **professional development and training** to teachers, administrators, related service providers and parents. Topics ranging from Applied Behavior Analysis to Assistive Technology are frequently offered at no charge. Parents are welcome to attend these trainings with school personnel.

The cooperative also makes a **lending library** available to member districts. The library includes a number of books and kits as well as

assistive technology devices. These items are available for loan on a time limited basis.

**Consultations and Technical Assistance** are offered by Caveland consultants when requested by the district. With the permission of the parent, Caveland staff work with school personnel to develop and improve programs for students with disabilities.

To learn more about services offered by Caveland, visit the website at [www.caveland.org](http://www.caveland.org) or call 270-745-5363.



Caveland Educational Support Center Office at 1790 Normal Drive.

## PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK ACTIVITIES

The Caveland Parent Support Network met for the first time on March 25. Pat Gilmer, Director of the Simpson County Parent Resource Center and Pam Coe, Director of Caveland, led the group through discussion about goals and future direction of the network.

In April, the group met again and learned how to start a Parent Resource "In a Shoebox" as Pat Gilmer shared strategies that she learned over the years while supporting her daughter who has a disability.

Next steps for the network include contacting administrators,

teachers and Family Resource Center personnel in the districts, distributing this newsletter, and beginning to make contact with other parents. The ultimate goal of the group is to provide information and support to help parents and schools work together for students with disabilities.

**SUE ENNIS, WARREN COUNTY**

I am the parent of a teenage son with multiple disabilities. I am willing to share my experiences with other parents who might have questions about the education system. Feel free to leave a message on my phone if I am not at home.

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**PAT GILMER, SIMPSON COUNTY**

I am the parent consultant for the Simpson Co. Parent Resource Center, Regional Training Center, and KY-SPIN. I have been providing information, training and support for parents with children with disabilities for 16 years. My philosophy is that parents and professionals working together help children improve in all areas. My daughter is 27 years old and has Down Syndrome and is now working at McDonald's. My family and I live on a small farm in Simpson county and attend church in Franklin.

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**ANDY HENSLEY, KSD OUTREACH**

I generally describe myself as a "hearing son of Deaf parents and the hearing parent of a Deaf son and hearing daughter". I live in Butler County and work with families, local school districts, and other agencies in an area from Owensboro to E-town to Burkesville to Elkton. I've worked with families of deaf and hard of hearing children for over thirty years, so please feel free to call me.

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**GREG HUDSON, EDMONSON CO.**

I have a child with special needs and I understand the difficulties of navigating the special education system. I look forward to working with parents and teachers to help improve educational opportunities for our children. Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

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**CW VANARSDALE, GREEN COUNTY**

Hi. I am C.W. Van Arsdale, parent representative for Green County. You may reach me at my home at 270-932-4295 after 4 pm or you may e-mail me at [cdvanarsdale@vol.com](mailto:cdvanarsdale@vol.com).



**TERRY & JUDY VOGEL, WARREN COUNTY**

We are the parents of Charlie. We adopted him at 2 years of age and along with him came the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder/ Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Sensory Integration Dysfunction and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Today, Charlie is a happy, curious, busy 5 year old that continues to progress forward with the help of many in our community. We want you to know that it's not necessary to go it alone.

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